(b) The Railway has not so far received from the State Government/Local Authority any firm proposal for the facility, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

[*English*]

Purchase of Boeing 747

2983. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Boeing 747 in operation and the number of non-operational ones;

(b) whether the Government propose to purchase more Boeing 747 and if so, the number thereof; and

(c) when the new aircraft are likely to be received.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 11 Boeing 747 in the fleet of Air India and all are in operation.

(b) and (c) Air India has signed a purchase agreement for acquisition of four Boeing 747-400 aircraft which will be delivered in 1993 and 1994.

Part time Ticket Collectors in Bombay

2984. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether part time ticket collectors have been appointed by the Railways in Bombay;

(b) the percentage of commission being paid to them;

(c) the total amount collected under this scheme during this year, till date;

(d) whether the Government are implementing this scheme in all zones of the Railways;

(e) if so, the Zone-wise number of such employees at present and the amount collected as fine during 1991; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some Railway employees volunteering to undertake ticket checking work beyond normal duty hours have been so detailed in Bombay area.

(b) They are paid honorarium varying from 20 to 35% for different slabs of their earnings from excess charge and unbooked luggage cases.

(c) A sum of Rs. 42.80 lakhs was collected during the period from April to October, 1991.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The scheme did not elicit a favourable response on other Railways.

Branch of UGC at Hyderabad

2985. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a branch of the University Grants Commission at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by which tim it is likely to be opened?